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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

DISORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

From the N. Y. Herald.

Looking at the enormous wealth and wonderful development of the material interests of the country on one hand and at the disorganization of political parties and the consequent rush for public plunder on the other, it is evident there is going to be such a carnival of extravagance as we have never seen before.

True, we hear something occasionally from Congress of retrenchment, of reducing the taxes or of modifying the tariff a few millions; but this is a bagatelle compared with the vast and now necessary expenditure, and is used merely by Congressmen for political capital in their districts at home.

The consequence of this state of things is that all are scrambling for public plunder. Those representing the iron and coal interests of Pennsylvania, the manufacturing interests of New England and the land-grabbing railroad interests of the West, are intent upon making the most for themselves and their sections, regardless of the general welfare of the republic.

These remarks, though intended for the Federal Government especially, will apply as well to the State of New York and to our city government. We must be asked heavily—that is inevitable, but the wealth of New York is accumulating so fast that the people can bear it.

will be in accordance with the present order of things and the mighty future of our country.

CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY.

From the Albany Journal.

We regret to see in the Troy Whig charges of conspiracy against the friends of ex-Senator Morgan. The allegation that there was a conspiracy to put Folger ahead at the expense of his associates is not warranted by the figures.

We submit to the Republicans of the State that it is time all such suspicions and allegations were abandoned. We have enough to do to whip the enemy without beating ourselves.

THE REFORM OF THE BAR.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

The organization of a reform association by the members of the legal profession in this city was a sufficient acknowledgment of the corruption of the New York bar, were no other evidence at hand.

The legal profession of this city comprises all classes, from the faithful advocates of simple justice to the Tombs "slyster" who divides a greenback with the first unfortunate panel thief.

and year after year do, gain admittance through the examining committee before their course is half over.

BLUNDERING LEGISLATION.

From the N. Y. Times.

It is undoubtedly necessary to give effect by legislation to the fifteenth amendment, but a grave blunder will be perpetrated if this purpose be made a pretext for creating fresh disabilities, or for enacting penalties more harsh and vexatious than the circumstances of the case require.

The Republicans of the South have honored themselves in nothing more than in the moderation—a moderation in some instances amounting to magnanimity—with which they exercised the power conferred upon them by law.

WILL GENERAL GRANT UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF LAST TUESDAY'S ELECTION?

From the N. Y. Sun.

The national interests and the national honor, backed by public opinion, call for an immediate change in the State Department. The Cabinet needs reconstruction otherwise, but in other departments the demand is not so pressing.

We have only gone further than this; we have not only been made to cringe before the threats of this crumpling despotism, but have built gunboats at her bidding, and furnished her with warlike munitions, wherewith she might crush the struggling patriots of Cuba.

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